

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)
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SPECTRUM NEEDS OF EMERGENCY) WT Docket No. 05-157
RESPONSE PROVIDERS)

To: The Commission

**COMMENTS OF
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE
MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION
MAJOR COUNTY SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION**

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCC), National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), and Major Counties Sheriffs' Association (MCSA) hereby jointly submit the following comments in response to the Commission's *Public Notice*, FCC 05-80, released March 29, 2005, in which the Commission seeks input for a report mandated by Section 7502 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

The IACP is an organization of more than 19,000 professionals responsible for administration of law enforcement agencies within the United States and throughout the world. The MCC is an organization of chief executive officers of the largest local law enforcement organizations in North America. MCC membership includes fifty-six departments from the United States and seven departments in Canada. The National Sheriffs' Association is an organization of more than 21,000 members that are dedicated to supporting programs that enable sheriffs, their deputies, chiefs of police, and others in the field of criminal justice to perform their jobs in the best possible manner and to better serve the people of their cities/counties or

jurisdictions. The Major County Sheriffs' Association (MCSA) is a professional organization comprised of elected sheriffs throughout the United States who collectively represent over 100 million people. Collectively, these organizations include the key decision makers in the United States law enforcement community.

The entire public safety community, including the executive leadership of the nation's law enforcement community that we represent, believes there should be no higher priority of the Commission than reliable communications for the public safety community. The tragic terrorist events of September 11, 2001, underscore the critical service that Public Safety provides this nation. However, the need for dedicated and reliable Public Safety communications exists every day, not only in times of catastrophic terrorist events. Also, as previously documented in the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC) Report, the public safety community continues to require additional spectrum to fulfill its primary mission of protecting the lives and property of the public it is sworn to serve.

Rather than submitting detailed separate comments, the IACP, MCC, NSA, and MCSA wish to inform the Commission that they have participated in the drafting of more detailed comments being submitted jointly by the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) and the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO) and fully support those comments as representative of the position of our organizations.

The IACP, MCC, NSA and MCSA want to thank the Commission for the opportunity to respond to this Public Notice.

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